

The Will of Daniel Pond (1630-1698)

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" In the yeare of our Lord one thousand Six hundred Nintye Seven Eight the Second Day of y^e twelveth Month I Dan^l Pond of Dedham in y^e Countie of Suffolke in y^e province of y^e Masachusetts Bay in Neweingland, though Infirm in boddy yet whole and sound in my mind and memory and understanding and of a disposing mind I doe ordaine and make this my Last Will and Testament in maner and forme as followeth : first I comit and comend my soule into the hands of y^e Lord Jesus Christ : and my body to y^e earth from whence it was taken : after my death to be decently beuryed by y^e care and descretion of my Executors hereafter named.

" My mind and will is : that after my just debts be paid and my funerall charges defrayed : that my Well beloved Wife Anne Pond shall enjoy and possess all my Whole estate both of housing lands tenements orchards gardens chattles or movable estate whatsoever during the whole time and terme of hir naturall Life for her uce benefit and comfort after my decease.

" I give and bequath to my well beloved Wife aforesaid and to hir Heyres forever : the one halfe of that my three Acres of meadowe as it lyeth in foule meadowe.

" I give and bequath to my loveing Son John Pond twentie shillings and that with what he have received allredy to be his whole portion in my Estate.

" I give and bequath to my loveing Son Ephraim Pond twentie shillings and that with what he have allredy received of me to be his whole portion in my Estate.

" I give and bequath to my loveing son Robert Pond twentie shillings and that with what he have allredie received of me to be his whole portion in my Estate.

" I give and bequath to my loveing Daughter Abigaill Day twentye shillings and that with what she have allredie received of me to be hir whole portion in my Estate.

" I give and bequath to y^e Children of my Daughter Rachel Stone Deceased five shillings each of them and this to be their whole portion in my Estate.

" I give and bequath to my loveing Daughter Hannah Devotion five pounds and that with what she have received of me all redy to be hir whole portion in my Estate.

" I give and bequath to my son William Pond the other half of that my three Acres of meadowe att foule meadowe above mentioned to him the said William and his Heyres forever.

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"I give and bequath to my loveing Son Williame before mentioned and my loveing son Jabez Pond all that my six Acres of meadowe ass it lyeth in y^e broad meadowes to them and their Heyres for ever to be equally devided between them.

"I give and bequath to y^e Daughter of my son Dan^l Pond deceased twentie shillings to be hir whole portion in my estate.

"I give and bequath to my loveing Sons William Calab and Jabez Pond and to their Heyres forever all y^e Remainder of all my housing buildings lands tenements orchards gardens meadowes swamps and cow-comons that is not allredy disposed of by me in this my will to be equally devided between them three, and this with what they have allredy received or is in this will expressed to them to be their whole.

"I give and bequath to my Daughter Sarah Pond all y^e remainder of my Chattles or movable Estate to hir and to hir heyres forever.

"And I doe hereby nomenate ordain and appoynt my well beloved wife Anne Pond before said and my loveing ffrriends Joseph Wight and John ffisher of Dedham to be my Executors to whom I comitt all poure neessesary for y^e full accomplishment and performance of this my last will and testament in all respects as is herein above expressed.

"In witness thereof I the said Dan^l Pond have here unto set my hand and afixed my seal the yeare and day above written.

DANILL POND (seal)

"In presents of
JAMES MOSMAN
JOHN FFULLER
JOHN DEAN "